

NONFLOATING OILS (NFO)

OMI Environmental Solutions (OMIES) has received the Nonfloating Oils OSRO classification from the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

Per USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin 13-16 (see back of this flyer), "Effective July 1st, 2017, Facility and Vessel response plan holders who may handle, store, or transport Group V oils shall only list Nonfloating Oil classified OSROs or provide all required information within their response plan in accordance with regulations and/or Group V Response Plan Development and Evaluation Criteria." The July 1st deadline for Plan Holders to list Nonfloating Oils OSROs is fast approaching. OMIES is one of four OSROs which has received the Nonfloating Oils classification from the USCG and can now assist Plan Holders to meet the new compliance standards.

Classified by the USCG as an Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO), OMIES' spill response services are available 24/7. With

well-staffed and response-ready facilities along the Gulf Coast — including Louisiana, Texas and a comprehensive National Spill Response Program (NSRP), OMIES is strategically positioned and equipped to respond quickly and efficiently to any type of emergency.

Effective July 1, 2017, Facility and Vessel Response Plan holders who may handle, store, or transport Group V oils shall only list NFO classified OSROs or provide all required information within their response plan in accordance with regulations and/or Group V Response Plan Development and Evaluation Criteria. OMIES can be listed by companies who meet the requirements for needing a NFO OSRO. To meet OPA90's statutory requirements, each response plan must identify the means for accomplishing the response tasks. By using an OSRO, plan holders do not have to present detailed lists of response resources. An OSRO is a contracted



Currently, there are only six OSROs which have received the NFO classification by the USCG and OMIES is listed on the United States Coast Guard Response Resource Inventory (RRI) System for the following zones:

- Corpus Christi - DISTRICT 8
- Houston - DISTRICT 8
- Lower Mississippi (Pascagoula) - DISTRICT 8
- Mobile - DISTRICT 8
- Mobile(Panama City, FL) - DISTRICT 8
- Morgan City - DISTRICT 8
- New Orleans - DISTRICT 8
- Port Arthur - DISTRICT 8

OMI Environmental Solutions (OMIES), a leader in oil spill response for over 40 years, has a well-respected, experienced team of professionals with the expertise to resolve all of your environmental and industrial service needs. Our integrated oil spill, hazmat, industrial, standby rescue, waste management, disposal, transportation, environmental consulting, and training services, along with our extensive line of environmental & safety products, provide you with a safe, timely, turnkey solution every time.

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response organization. If an oil spill removal contractor has been evaluated by the USCG, and their capability is equal to or exceeds the response capability needed by companies, the response plan may identify only the OSRO, and need not list all of the information about response personnel and equipment.


The OSRO classification process provides standard guidelines by which the USCG and plan developers can evaluate the potential of an OSRO to respond to and recover oil spills of various sizes. OSROs may receive classifications for different

spill sizes occurring in different types of operating areas (rivers, canals, near shore, offshore, or open ocean). Classifications are based upon minimum equipment amounts and response time standards outlined in the USCGs OSRO Classification Guidelines. The Coast Guard's National Strike Force maintains the OPA 90 mandated response resource inventory, a centralized database listing national and international spill response capabilities and each OSROs classification information along with its other response resource data.



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Response Resource Inventory and OSRO Guidelines Update

This Bulletin announces an update to the Response Resource Inventory (RRI) system and the Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) Guidelines. Please reference [USCG MSIB 07-16](#) for a summary of previous updates.

The Group V capability listing within the RRI will be removed and replaced by a Nonfloating Oil classification. RRI functions related to the Nonfloating Oil classification, to include a COTP classification display, are in the process of being updated this month. Additionally, a special notice within the RRI will highlight those OSROs previously listed as Group V capable.

USCG MSIB 07-16 set November 30th, 2016, as the response plan review compliance date for plan holders. That date is extended to June 30th, 2017, to ease and facilitate the transition for plan holders, OSROs, and other potential Nonfloating Oil classification stakeholders.

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Currently, the Coast Guard has received six Nonfloating oil applications. Due to the dynamic nature of the RRI update and the application review process, the Coast Guard will notify applicants prior to their evaluation in lieu of the 60-day timeline listed within the OSRO Guidelines. The Coast Guard will begin assessing Nonfloating oil classification applications in December 2016. FAQs, job aids, and additional guidance are forthcoming and will be disseminated via RRI's distribution list.

RRI may be accessed at:
[Response Resource Inventory](#)

OSRO Guidelines may be accessed at:
[Homeport - 2016 OSRO Guidelines](#) and type "OSRO Guidelines" into the search engine, or use the following path within Homeport: Environmental – Vessel Response Plan Program – What's New?

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